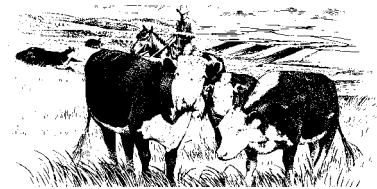


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calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 757 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 559 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 405 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 293 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.83 million, 1 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 105 thousand during November, 27 percent above 1999 and 35 percent above 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 450 thousand head on December 1, 2000, 2 percent above last month and 11 percent above December 1999. During November, placements of 69.0 thousand head were 5 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 49.0 thousand head were 2 percent above November 1999. Other disappearance totaled 10.0 thousand head.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots 11.9 million head on December 1, 2000. The inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 1999 and 8 percent above December 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.01 million, 7 percent below 1999 and 2 percent below 1998. Net placements were 1.91 million. During November, placements of cattle and

CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.2 million on December 1, 2000, up 2 percent from the previous year and 9 percent above December 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.68 million, 8 percent below 1999 and 3 percent below 1998. Marketings during November totaled 1.57 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 8 percent above 1998. Other disappearance during November was 89.0 thousand head, 44 percent above 1999 and 41 percent above 1998.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed November 1 1/			Placed During November		Marketed During November	
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	239	292	122	48	39	19	30
California	395	440	111	66	69	48	49
Colorado	1,220	1,250	102	190	180	180	190
Iowa	345	380	110	74	70	48	54
Kansas	2,410	2,420	100	430	470	425	400
Nebraska	2,250	2,380	106	490	410	350	365
Texas	2,930	3,030	103	525	440	460	480
Seven-State Total	9,789	10,192	104	1,823	1,678	1,530	1,568
State	Other Disappearance During November 2/		Number on Feed December 1		2000/1999		
	1999	2000	1999	2000			
	Thousand Head					Percent	
Arizona	3	3	265	298	112		
California	8	10	405	450	111		
Colorado	10	10	1,220	1,230	101		
Iowa	1	1	370	395	107		
Kansas	15	30	2,400	2,460	103		
Nebraska	10	15	2,380	2,410	101		
Texas	15	20	2,980	2,970	100		
Seven-State Total	62	89	10,020	10,213	102		

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during November 2000 totaled 92.8 million pounds (dressed weight), down 4 percent from last month, but 4 percent above November 1999. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In November 2000, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,231 pounds; calves, 161 pounds; and hogs 223 pounds.

U.S. RED MEAT, BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTION SET RECORD HIGHS VEAL PRODUCTION SETS RECORD LOW

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.92 billion pounds in November. This was up 1 percent from the previous record high for November of 3.89 billion pounds produced in 1999.

November 1999 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays (including one holiday).

Beef production, at 2.17 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous record high for November set last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.93 million head, down slightly from 1999. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year to 1,230 pounds.

Veal production totaled 18.0 million pounds, 3 percent below the previous record low for November set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 92.0 thousand head, down 11 percent from November 1999. The average live weight, at 321 pounds, was 22 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous record high set last year. Hog kill totaled 8.76 million head, 2 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 265 pounds, 3 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20.0 million pounds, was down 6 percent from November 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 296 thousand head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 6 pounds from November a year ago.

January - November red meat production was 42.5 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 1 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 1999-00 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	86.1	92.5	108,535	113,820	1,261	1,231
U.S. Total	2,939.9	2,930.9	3,576,181	3,606,147	1,216	1,230
CALVES						
California	11.2	8.3	1,823	1,341	163	161
U.S. Total	103.4	92.4	30,912	29,687	299	321
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	329.7	296.4	43,583	40,780	132	138
HOGS						
California	188.4	185.8	40,725	41,380	216	223
U.S. Total	8,895.7	8,756.5	2,328,982	2,321,831	262	265
RED MEAT	November 1999	October 2000 2/	November 2000	Nov. 00 Nov. 99	Nov. 00 Oct. 00	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	88.9	97.1	92.8	104	96	
U.S. Total	3,891.8	4,097.2	3,919.5	101	96	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised U.S. total.

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2000 *

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle							Calves Total
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	All Cows	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	
	1,000 Head							
1	18.4	3.1	2.2	11.2	10.8	0.5	1.9	27.7
2	79.7	15.1	4.4	52.0	43.5	8.6	8.3	232.1
3	950.1	460.7	74.1	393.6	289.1	104.5	21.7	166.9
4	771.5	12.3	3.7	650.9	236.2	414.8	104.5	21.0
5	3,452.1	1,445.7	538.4	1,362.5	959.4	403.1	105.4	401.7
6	6,139.4	3,124.4	2,204.0	683.1	116.7	566.5	127.9	22.6
7	15,251.2	8,242.4	6,272.0	666.0	61.3	604.7	70.8	1.0
8	3,288.7	1,655.7	1,374.6	211.3	38.3	173.1	47.1	0.1
9	1,447.7	690.1	93.7	630.2	521.0	109.1	33.8	110.5
10	1,567.5	828.5	389.2	301.7	137.2	164.5	48.2	15.2
U.S. 2/	32,966.4	16,478.0	10,956.2	4,962.6	2,413.4	2,549.1	569.7	998.8
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	1,000 Head							
1	17.9	17.3	0.5	0.1	21.4	4.8	16.6	
2	130.9	128.3	1.8	0.9	119.3	17.8	101.6	
3	5,763.6	5,737.8	25.4	0.4	87.8	4.8	83.0	
4	13,767.3	12,852.1	889.3	25.9	17.8	12.1	5.7	
5	22,904.3	21,954.7	993.7	16.0	398.9	47.3	351.6	
6	4,575.9	4,307.5	258.8	9.6	418.8	34.3	384.5	
7	35,086.4	34,370.1	478.5	237.7	455.4	0.8	454.6	
8	3,835.1	3,657.1	177.6	0.3	1,126.4	21.9	1,104.5	
9	2,048.2	2,046.5	1.3	0.4	365.4	8.6	356.8	
10	363.5	361.0	2.2	0.3	9.3	1.7	7.6	
U.S. 2/	88,493.0	85,432.4	2,769.1	291.6	3,020.5	154.1	2,866.4	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--AK, ID, OR & WA.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**2001 RELEASE DATES
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
AND CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
12:00 NOON RELEASE (* 5:30 AM PST RELEASE)**

JANUARY 10 Cotton Ginnings * 10 Crop Production * 11 Crop Production - Annual * 11 Grain Stocks * 11 Rice Stocks * 11 Winter Wheat Seedings * 12 Turkey Hatchery 12 Vegetables 16 Potato Stocks 16 Turkeys Raised 18 Milk Production 19 Cold Storage 19 Cattle On Feed 23 Non-citrus Fruits & Nuts Preliminary 25 Cotton Ginnings * 26 Cattle 26 Sheep & Goats 29 Chicken & Egg Production - Annual 29 Vegetables - Annual 30 Chickens & Eggs	FEBRUARY 2 Dairy Products 8 Cotton Ginnings * 8 Crop Production * 14 Potato Stocks 15 Crop Values 16 Cattle On Feed 16 Farm Labor 21 Cold Storage - Annual 21 Cold Storage 23 Chickens & Eggs 28 Honey
MARCH 2 Livestock Slaughter - Annual 8 Crop Production * 14 Potato Stocks 16 Cattle On Feed 20 Cold Storage 23 Chickens & Eggs 23 Cotton Ginnings * 30 Hogs & Pigs 30 Grain Stocks * 30 Rice Stocks * 30 Prospective Plantings *	APRIL 6 Vegetables 10 Crop Production * 12 Potato Stocks 19 Hatchery Production - Annual 20 Cattle On Feed 20 Cold Storage 23 Chickens & Eggs 25 Dairy Products - Annual 25 Floriculture Crops 25 Milk Prod./Disp./Income 27 Meat Animals Prod./Disp./Income
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SEPTEMBER 7 Vegetables 12 Crop Production * 12 Cotton Ginnings * 20 Citrus Fruits 21 Cattle On Feed 21 Cold Storage 21 Chickens & Eggs 25 Cotton Ginnings * 28 Hogs & Pigs 28 Small Grain Summary * 28 Grain Stocks *	OCTOBER 5 Vegetables 12 Cotton Ginnings * 12 Crop Production * 19 Cattle On Feed 19 Cold Storage 22 Chickens & Eggs 25 Cotton Ginnings * 30 Rice Stocks *
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AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		November 1999	October 2000	Nov. 15, 2000	November 1999	October 2000	Nov. 15, 2000
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	81.00	94.00	93.00	74.70	85.20	85.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	83.00	97.00	97.00	77.00	89.70	90.40
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	33.40	41.40	35.90
Cows 2/	Cwt.	33.00	33.50	34.50	33.60	36.20	36.90
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	68.00	70.00	72.00	70.90	70.50	74.30
Calves 2/	Cwt.	83.50	93.00	93.00	93.00	102.00	106.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	27.00	30.50	---	30.20	29.50	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	74.00	75.00	---	76.30	76.80	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	1,480.00	---	---	1,350.00	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	12.94	11.19	11.20	14.40	12.50	12.20

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.